

FORD LAYS KEEL OF FIRST VESSEL IN "JITMAKINE" FLEET

The keel for the first of the fleet of "vest-pocket submarine fighters" Henry Ford is making for the navy, was laid yesterday, Ford wired Secretary Daniels today.

"This contract was let only a few days ago," said Secretary Daniels, "so you see Ford is losing no time getting under way."

Daniels said the Ford boat has not yet been named, but that whatever name was given it officially probably would be popularly replaced with a nickname.

WOMAN SEEKS RIGHT TO ADOPT OWN CHILD

Mrs. Catherine C. Dresser wants to adopt her own child. Today she filed a petition, in which her present husband, Lewis W. Dresser, joins, declaring that Marion C. Kaess is her child by a former marriage with Otto A. Kaess. The couple were divorced in Detroit, Mich., June 17, 1916, and the custody of the child was awarded to Kaess, Mrs. Dresser declares. Kaess has given his consent to the adoption, her petition says further. The child is about five years old. Mrs. Dresser and her present husband were married November 23, 1917.

TEACHERS' PENSION BILL MAY PASS SENATE TODAY

Passage of the Hollis bill for the pensioning of public school teachers in the District of Columbia is expected in the Senate this afternoon. Senator Hollis called the bill up early in the session today but yielded to Senator Thomas of Colorado, who spoke on war preparations and on the chamberlain bill. Following the address of Senator Thomas, Senator Hollis expects to explain the teachers bill and to secure its passage.

JERSEY EDITOR TO HEAD PROPAGANDA OF U. S. IN EUROPE

James Kerney, editor of the Trenton Times, has been appointed to go abroad to organize the foreign activities of the Committee on Public Information.

Mr. Kerney undertook the mission after conference with President Wilson and George Creel, director of the Committee on Public Information.

The undertaking is an entirely new one, and is regarded by the executive authorities as one of large possibilities and hard work. Mr. Kerney was selected for the assignment because of his training as a newspaperman and executive, and the authorities here propose to give him a free hand in developing the scope of the enterprise. The prime duty of Mr. Kerney's job will be to direct the activities of the news and educational divisions of the Committee on Public Information. He will serve without compensation.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Purchased the Washington Times by N. L. Carpenter & Co., New York. Branch office, Woodward bldg., Herbert H. Brown, manager.

Corn	Open	High	Low	Close
March	127 1/4	127 3/4	127 1/4	127 1/4
May	125 1/4	125 3/4	125 1/4	125 1/4
July	82 1/4	82 3/4	82 1/4	82 1/4
Sept	80 1/4	80 3/4	80 1/4	80 1/4
Nov	25 1/4	25 3/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
Dec	46 1/4	46 3/4	46 1/4	46 1/4
Jan	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 1/4

BALTIMORE GRAIN MARKET.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8.—Wheat—No. 2 soft red, \$2.22; No. 2 red winter, \$2.24; receipts, \$13,941; shipments, \$13,822.

Corn—New as to grade \$1.60 to \$1.65; receipts, none; shipments, \$1,528.

Oats—Firm on spot; No. 3 white, 100 @ 101; receipts, \$1,833; shipments, \$6,073.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 Western export spot \$2.26 bid; receipts, \$20,143; shipments, \$16,528.

Hay—Firm; unchanged.

Flour—In good demand; firm.

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WALL ST. MARKET GOOD DEMAND FOR STOCKS AS SESSION OPENS.

Gains of From Fractions to More Than One Point Made in Many Issues—Railroad Stocks Show Improved Tone—Steel Common Up.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—There was a good demand for stocks at the opening of the stock market today, and during the first few minutes of trading gains of from fractions to more than one point were made in many issues.

Steel common sold up 1/4 to 3/4, and Baldwin Locomotive rose one point, to 66 1/4. Crucible advanced 1/4 to 25 1/4, and Bethlehem Steel 1/4 to 25 1/4.

Distillers Securities rose 1/4 to 42, and Industrial Alcohol advanced 1/4 to 124. Central Leather was 1 point higher, at 70 1/4, and American Can gained 1 point, to 26 1/4.

American Smelting advanced 1 point to 31 1/4, and fractional advances were made in Anaconda and Utah.

The railroad stocks showed an improved tone, Reading advancing 1/4 and Canadian Pacific selling up to 14 1/4.

The strength which was shown in the early trading was maintained all during the forenoon, but after the initial buying the market was less active, and some reactions occurred.

Baldwin was in good demand, moving up 1/4 to 66 1/4, and American Locomotive showed a gain of over 2 points, at 67 1/4. Sharp upturns also occurred in Crucible, American Car and Foundry, and American Can. Steel common moved up to 24 1/4, and Bethlehem Steel "B" advanced over 1 point, to 25 1/4.

Liberty bonds were heavy, the 4 1/2 selling off to a new low record of 92 1/4.

FOREIGN CLOSING.

Adv	Ret	High	Low	Close
2 1/4	1 1/4	13 1/4	13	13 1/4
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2 1/4	1 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	23 1/4	23	23 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	75 1/4	75	75 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	78 1/4	78	78 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	40 1/4	40	40 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	72 1/4	72	72 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	31 1/4	31	31 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	57 1/4	57	57 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	56 1/4	56	56 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	34 1/4	34	34 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	75 1/4	75	75 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	61 1/4	61	61 1/4
2 1/4	1 1/4	12 1/4	12	12 1/4
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2 1/4	1 1/4	81 1/4	81	81 1/4
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THE LOCAL MARKET

POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER 6'S ARE FEATURE.

Six Bonds of \$1,000 Type Change Hands—Two Shares of Capital Traction and Two Shares of National Metropolitan Bank Transferred.

Potomac Electric Power 6 per cent bonds featured today's sales on the Washington Stock Exchange, six of these bonds of the \$1,000 denomination changing hands at par.

Two shares of Capital Traction at \$2, two shares of National Metropolitan Bank at 201, and one share of Mergenthaler at 120 1/2, were the only stock sales. No "after call" transactions were made.

In the absence of President John L. Edwards, of the local stock exchange, William B. Hibbs, of the bankers and brokerage firm of that name, occupied the chair.

Closing prices bid and asked of the more active stocks were: Mergenthaler, 120-120 1/2; Washington Railway, 99-100; American Telephone and Telegraph, 4 1/4-4 1/2; American Telephone and Telegraph 5's, 93 1/4-94; Riggs Realty, 100-102; Capital Traction, 51-52.

Today's sales, Potomac Elec Power 6's, \$1,000 100, \$1,000 100, \$1,000 100, \$1,000 100, \$1,000 100, \$1,000 100. Capital Traction, 298 1/2. Nat. Metro. Bank, 201 1/2. Mergenthaler, 120 1/2.

LOCAL BOND MARKET.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

U. S. Reg. 2's	Bid	Ask
U. S. Coupon 2's	97	97 1/4
U. S. Reg. 3's	97	97 1/4
U. S. Coupon 3's	99	99 1/4
U. S. Reg. 4's	103 1/2	104
U. S. Coupon 4's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Reg. 5's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Coupon 5's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Reg. 6's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Coupon 6's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Reg. 7's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Coupon 7's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Reg. 8's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Coupon 8's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Reg. 9's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Coupon 9's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Reg. 10's	104 1/2	105 1/4
U. S. Coupon 10's	104 1/2	105 1/4

CURR MARKET

Two o'clock prices furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members New York Stock Exchange.

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